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The Merseburg (N 52/D 91) airfield was not occupied by Soviet air units. Construction work was not observed. The armored train was still standing on the railroad siding. The field was strictly guarded by the German People's Police. A Soviet Air Force detail of about 100 men was quartered in the airfield barracks. The jeep _____ were probably assigned to this unit.

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Comment:

The occupation of the airfield has apparently not changed since the last observations made in November 1949. The presence of an air force unit in the airfield barracks _____

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Details on this unit are not known. It is not known to what unit the motor vehicles _____

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are assigned. _____, however, assumed to be assigned to air force units. _____

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a dump of former German weapons to which the mentioned armored train also belongs is assumed to be located at the field.

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